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believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

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The relevance of JP 2001-315006 A, is discussed in the present specification.

Please note that US Application No. 10/587,178, filed on July 25, 2006, is related to the present application. The front page of the corresponding published international application is attached for the examiner's information.

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